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NON-STANDARD TRUE-UP FILING OF	§	PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION
AEP TEXAS INC. IN ACCORDANCE	§	
WITH THE FINANCING ORDER IN	§	OF TEXAS
DOCKET NO. 39931	§	

COMMISSION STAFF'S RESPONSE TO ORDER NO. 1

On November 22, 2021, AEP Texas Inc. (AEP) filed a non-standard true-up filing as the servicer of transition bonds issued under the Financing Order in Docket No. 39931 (Petition).¹ The non-standard true-up affects amounts billed for energy consumption and demand of retail customers taking service from AEP. AEP requests that Rider 6.1.1.2.2.1 Initial/Adjusted Transition Charge-3 Rates (Rider TC-3) be approved.

On November 23, 2021, the administrative law judge (ALJ) filed Order No. 1, directing the Staff (Staff) of the Public Utility Commission of Texas (Commission) to file a comments and recommendations on the proposed notice and proposed scope of the proceeding, propose a procedural schedule, and address other matters relating to the processing of AEP's application on or before December 20, 2021. Therefore, this pleading is timely filed.

I. SCOPE AND NOTICE

In accordance with Finding of Fact No. 88 in the Financing Order for Docket No. 39931, the scope of this proceeding is limited to determining whether the proposed adjustment complies with the Financing Order.² In addition, the Financing Order requires AEP to provide notice of this non-standard true-up to all parties in Docket No. 39931. Staff has reviewed the certificate of service—an affidavit dated November 29, 2021 and duly signed by Mr. Gary Gullickson, Regulatory Consultant for AEP—which states that a copy of the Petition was served on all parties in Docket No. 39931. The affidavit also states that service was completed on November 22, 2021. Staff's review of the proof of notice concludes that AEP's notice be deemed sufficient and completed.

¹ *Application of AEP Texas Central Company for a Financing Order*, Docket No. 39931, Financing Order (Jan. 12, 2021).

² Docket No. 3991, Financing Order at Finding of Fact No. 88.

II. PROCEDURAL SCHEDULE

Finding of Fact No. 88(a) of the Financing Order for Docket No. 39931 requires AEP to file its non-standard true-up at least 90 days before the due date of the proposed true-up adjustment. AEP filed its non-standard true-up on November 22, 2021, which is 99 days before AEP's proposed effective date of March 1, 2022. Consequently, Staff recommends that the following procedural schedule be adopted:

Event	Deadline
Deadline for Intervention	December 29, 2021
Deadline to request a hearing	January 7, 2022
If no hearing is requested, deadline for parties to submit proposed Order, including Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Ordering Paragraphs.	January 14, 2022

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons detailed above, Staff respectfully requests that AEP's proposed notice be deemed sufficient and that the procedural schedule above be adopted for continued processing of this matter.

Dated: December 20, 2021

Respectfully submitted,

**PUBLIC UTILITY COMMISSION OF TEXAS
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on December 20, 2021, in accordance with the Order Suspending Rules, issued in Project No. 50664.

/s/ Kevin R. Bartz

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